



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hudson Raritan Estuary (HRE) – Duck Point Marsh Island Restoration Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, located at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278. The funding would be used to restore more than 47 acres of critical habitat that has been lost in Jamaica Bay, including 25 acres of low marsh, 6 acres of high marsh, 8 acres of scrub/shrub wetlands, 1 acre of tidal channels and 8 acres of shallow water habitat while beneficially using ~215,000 CYD of clean sand from an Operation and Maintenance or Construction Navigation project. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the wetlands in Jamaica Bay have had significant loss from the combined effects of subsidence, sea level rise and lack of sediment distribution within the bay. These marsh islands have been disappearing, and a loss of more than 2000 acres has been documented since 1924 and continues at an alarming rate. Without these marsh islands, the stability and health of Jamaica Bay is severely threatened. The marsh islands and perimeter wetlands also naturally mitigate flooding and serve as coastline buffers from waves, tides, winds and floods, and can help reduce coastline erosion and property damage during storm events for more than five hundred thousand New Yorkers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 401(5) of the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (134 Stat. 2739).

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I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress